

Haydee at Full Employment Council 21st Century Healthcare Works Program

A single mother of two, Haydee was attempting to re-enter the workforce after having been unemployed for more than a year. With the initial goal of becoming a Registered Nurse (RN), she came to the Full Employment Council (FEC) seeking assistance with classroom training and employment. However, discussions with her counselor revealed that immediate employment was a high priority, so Haydee's employment plan was updated to reflect a shorter training program, a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) class with Metropolitan Community College (MCC) at Penn Valley. When Haydee learned that FEC was also holding a Patient Care Technician (PCT)—CNA Plus cohort at the same school, she requested to join this class in progress to earn additional credentials. After networking with the educational partners at MCC Penn Valley, FEC staff was able to negotiate Haydee's entry into the additional program. She subsequently completed the PCT course and began working with staff to find employment in her field. Haydee attended the Bi-State Healthcare Hiring event coordinated by FEC where she spoke with several healthcare employers who were interested in her skill set.

On September 8, 2012, FEC staff received a thank you note from Haydee explaining that she had accepted a position with Research Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri.

Through the HPOG program, Haydee received supports in the form of tuition, uniforms and supplies, counseling, and job search activities that helped her earn credentials and find employment. Based on the determination they've seen in Haydee, FEC staff believe nothing can stop her from achieving her long-term goal of becoming an RN.